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Alert: Publication of Adoption Law Regulations

The National Council for Adoptions (CNA) was confirmed as the lead agency for adoptions of Guatemalan children for both domestic and foreign adoptive parents. New procedures implementing the December 2007 adoption law were published by the CNA in the official newspaper in Guatemala and went into effect on July 13, 2010.

Under these rules, Guatemalan parents will be the first to be considered for adoption and foreigners will be considered subsequently. According to the new regulations, a multidisciplinary team composed of psychologists, medical doctors, lawyers and social workers will determine whether a child can be adopted and then will evaluate the prospective adoptive parents to make a decision on whether to allow the adoption of that child.